

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (ORIGINAL) A hammer wrench assembly comprising:
a hammer wrench having a hammer-end, a wrench-end and a central bar member
separating the hammer-end and the wrench-end; and,
a rotatable handle pivotally coupled to the hammer wrench between the hammer-end and
the wrench-end for holding the hammer wrench about a nut as the hammer-end is impacted with
a hammer.

2. (ORIGINAL) The assembly of CLAIM 1, wherein:
the hammer wrench further comprises a female fitting;
and,
the rotatable handle comprises a pivotal male fitting removably coupleable to the female
fitting.

3. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The assembly of CLAIM 2, wherein the female
fitting has a first bore hole having a center axis that is aligned with a center axis of the wrench-
end.

4. (ORIGINAL) The assembly of CLAIM 3, wherein said first bore hole is

perpendicular to a longitudinal center axis of the central bar member.

5. (ORIGINAL) The assembly of CLAIM 3, wherein the female fitting has a second bore hole penetrating to said first bore hole.

6. (ORIGINAL) The assembly of CLAIM 5, wherein the female fitting has a third bore hole penetrating to said first bore hole and having a same axis with, and being opposite to, said second bore hole.

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11. (ORIGINAL) The assembly of CLAIM 5, wherein the male fitting comprises:
a prong adapted to mate with the first bore hole; and,
a spring-biased ball coupled to the prong for securing the prong in the first bore hole, the spring-biased ball removably coupleable to the second bore hole.

12. (ORIGINAL) The assembly of CLAIM 3, wherein the rotatable handle comprises:

an elongated central bar member;
a handle section integrally coupled to one end of the elongated central bar member; and,
a forked-end having two parallel plates for pivotally coupling therebetween the male
fitting.

13. (ORIGINAL) The assembly of CLAIM 12, wherein:
the handle section comprises a slip-resistant surface; and,
the hammer-end comprises a plurality of impact surfaces.

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20. (ORIGINAL) A hammer wrench assembly for fastening or unfastening a nut
comprising:

a hammer wrench having a hammer-end, a wrench-end and a central bar member
separating the hammer-end and the wrench-end;

a female fitting formed in the central bar member in close proximity to the wrench-end;

and,

a safety handle pivotally coupled to the female fitting via a male fitting, wherein pivoting the handle moves a user's hand from the proximity of the hammer end.

21. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The assembly of CLAIM 20, wherein the female fitting has a first bore hole having a center axis that is aligned with a center axis of the wrench-end.

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30. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly of CLAIM 21, wherein the [rotatable] safety handle comprises:

an elongated central bar member;

a handle section integrally coupled to one end of the elongated central bar member; and,
a forked-end having two parallel plates for pivotally coupling therebetween the male
fitting.

31. (ORIGINAL) The assembly of CLAIM 30, wherein:
the handle section comprises a slip-resistant surface; and,
the hammer-end comprises a plurality of impact surfaces.

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38. (ORIGINAL) A method for fastening or unfastening a nut, using a hammer
wrench assembly having a hammer wrench with a hammer-end and a wrench end and a pivotal
safety handle pivotally coupleable to the hammer wrench in close proximity to the wrench-end,
comprising the steps of:

coupling a wrench-end of the hammer wrench about the nut;

pivoting the safety handle to a location displaced away from the hammer-end;
holding the wrench-end about the nut via the safety handle;
simultaneously with the holding step, swinging a hammer to impact the hammer-end;
and,
rotating the nut with the wrench-end in a direction to fasten or unfasten the nut, in
response to the impact to the hammer-end.

39. (ORIGINAL) The method of CLAIM 38, wherein the pivoting step includes the
step of:

pivoting the safety handle to a location within approximately a 180° range.

40. (ORIGINAL) The method of CLAIM 38, wherein:
the pivoting and holding steps are performed by a first user; and,
the swinging step is performed by a second user.

41. (ORIGINAL) The method of CLAIM 38, wherein:
the pivoting, holding and swinging steps are performed by a single user.

42. (ORIGINAL) An improved hammer wrench comprising:
a hammer-end having a plurality of impact surfaces;

a wrench-end adapted to attach to a bolt head or nut; and,
a central bar member with one end integrally formed with the hammer-end, with another end attached to the wrench-end and with a female coupler between the wrench-end and the hammer-end wherein the female coupler is in close proximity to the wrench-end.

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52. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The improved hammer wrench of CLAIM 42,
wherein: [said female coupler is just below said wrench-end]

said central bar member has a longitudinal axis;

said wrench-end has a center axis perpendicular to the longitudinal axis; and,

said female coupler has a center axis perpendicular to the longitudinal axis.

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56. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An improved hammer wrench comprising:

a hammer wrench with a hammer-end, [and] a wrench-end and a central bar member, said central bar member having a first end, a second end opposite said first end, and a longitudinal axis wherein said hammer-end is integral with said first end and said wrench-end is coupled directly to said second end and has a center axis that is perpendicular to said longitudinal axis;
and,

a coupling means formed in said central bar member between said hammer-end and said wrench-end for removably coupling a handle to said hammer wrench [in close proximity to said wrench-end] wherein said coupling means has a center axis perpendicular to said longitudinal axis.

57. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The improved hammer wrench of CLAIM 56,
wherein said coupling means comprises a female fitting for receiving a mated male fitting
attached to said handle.

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67. (ORIGINAL) The improved hammer wrench of CLAIM 56, wherein the wrench-end comprises a multi-sided bore hole.

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70. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A hammer wrench assembly comprising:

a hammer wrench with a hammer-end, [and] a wrench-end and a central bar member, said central bar member having a first end, a second end opposite said first end, and a longitudinal axis wherein said hammer-end is integral with said first end and said wrench-end is coupled directly to said second end and has a center axis that is perpendicular to said longitudinal axis;

a safety holding means for holding said hammer wrench at a safe distance; and,
coupling means for removably coupling said safety holding means to said hammer wrench in close proximity to said wrench-end and between said hammer-end and said wrench-end wherein said coupling means has a center axis perpendicular to said longitudinal axis.

71. (ORIGINAL) The assembly of CLAIM 70, wherein said coupling means comprises a receiving means for receiving a mated fitting means attached to said safety holding means.

72. (ORIGINAL) The assembly of CLAIM 71, wherein said receiving means has a mounting face which faces in a same direction as a wrench-end face of the wrench-end.

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75. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The assembly of CLAIM 70 [72], wherein said safety holding means [receiving means] comprises means for attaching handles for use with socket sets to items in socket sets; and said coupling means comprises a receiving means for receiving said attaching means.

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80. (ORIGINAL) An improved hammer wrench comprising:

an anvil;

a nut socket; and,

a central bar member with said anvil on one end, with said nut socket on another and opposite end and with a fitting for a safety handle between said anvil and said nut socket.

81. (ORIGINAL) The improved hammer wrench of CLAIM 80, wherein the fitting has a first bore hole having a center axis that is aligned with a center axis of the nut socket.

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87. (ORIGINAL) The improved hammer wrench of CLAIM 80, wherein said fitting is closer to said nut socket than to said anvil.

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89. (ORIGINAL) An improved hammer wrench comprising:
a hammer wrench with a hammer-end and a wrench-end; and,
a female fitting disposed in said hammer wrench between said hammer-end and said
wrench-end.

90. (ORIGINAL) The improved hammer wrench of CLAIM 89, wherein the female
fitting has a first bore hole having a center axis that is aligned with a center axis of the wrench-
end.

91. (ORIGINAL) The improved hammer wrench of CLAIM 90, wherein said first
bore hole is perpendicular to a longitudinal center axis of the hammer wrench.

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98. (ORIGINAL) An improved hammer wrench comprising:
a hammer wrench with a hammer-end and a wrench-end; and,
a fitting for a safety handle disposed in said hammer wrench between said hammer-end
and said wrench-end.

99. (ORIGINAL) The improved hammer wrench of CLAIM 98, wherein the fitting
has a first bore hole having a center axis that is aligned with a center axis of the wrench-end.

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101. (ORIGINAL) The improved hammer wrench of CLAIM 99, wherein the fitting has
a second bore hole penetrating to said first bore hole.

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107. (ORIGINAL) An improved hammer wrench comprising:
an anvil;
a nut socket; and,
a central bar member with said anvil on one end, with said nut socket on another and
opposite end and with a female fitting between said anvil and said nut socket.

108. (ORIGINAL) The improved hammer wrench of CLAIM 107, wherein the female
fitting has a first bore hole having a center axis that is aligned with a center axis of the nut
socket.

109. (ORIGINAL) The improved hammer wrench of CLAIM 108, wherein said first
bore hole is perpendicular to a longitudinal center axis of the central bar member.

110. (ORIGINAL) The improved hammer wrench of CLAIM 108, wherein the female
fitting has a second bore hole penetrating to said first bore hole.

111. (ORIGINAL) The improved hammer wrench of CLAIM 110, wherein the female
fitting has a third bore hole penetrating to said first bore hole and having a same axis with, and
being opposite to, said second bore hole.

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